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able terms.
161 ly J. TERHUNE, Jr.

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Dealers in all kinds of Merchandise, Provisions,
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na Co., Mich.

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Manufacturers of Tin and Sheet-Iron Ware, foot
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STONE & CHUBB, Manufacturers of Plows,
Cultivators, and Grain Cradles, and dealers in
all kinds of Agricultural Implements, and Ma-
chines. Agricultural Warehouse, Canal street,
Grand Rapids, Mich.

STEPHEN MUNROE, Physician and Sur-
geon. Office one door west of J. T. Davis'
Tailor Shop, Washington street.

FERRY & SONS, Forwarding and Commis-
sion Merchants. Central Dock, Grand Haven,
Mich.

JOHN T. DAVIS, Merchant Tailor. Shop on
Washington street, second door west of H. Grif-
fin's store.

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ing and Commission Merchants; general dealers
in all kinds of Dry Goods, Groceries, Grain and
Provisions; manufacturers and dealers whole-
sale and retail in all kinds of lumber. Mill
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C. DAVIS & CO., Dealers in Dry Goods, Groce-
ries, Provisions, Hardware, Crockerly, Boots and
Shoes, &c. Muskegon, Mich.

OTTAWA HOUSE (formerly William Tell Hot-
tel), Levi Shackleton Proprietor, Water street,
Grand Haven, Mich.

WASHINGTON HOUSE, By Henry Pennoyer.
The proprietor has the past spring newly
fitted and partly re-furnished this House, and
feels confident visitors will find the House to
compare favorably with the best in the State.

HENRY GRIFFIN, Commission Merchant and
General Agent, Dealer in Salt, Flour, Dry and
Green Fruits, Provisions, Family Groceries,
Drugs, Medicines, Perfumery, &c. &c. at his old
stand opposite the Washington House, Grand
Haven, Michigan.

A. B. BIDWELL & SON, Confectionery and
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for Grand Haven and vicinity.

CORN SHELLERS, Various Kinds, at
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izontal) for sale at
S. & C's. Ag'l. Warehouse.

STRAW, Hay and Cornstalk Cutters at
S. & C's. Ag'l. Warehouse.

TIME!!

CLOCKS of all kinds, for sale cheap by
H. C. & W.

PAINTS—100 Kegs Pure Buffalo, No. 1 White
Lead, in oil, dry White and Red Lead, and
permanent Paris Green, in oil, at
GRIFFIN'S Drugstore.

THE NEW FLORIDA WAR.

The Florida papers come to us full of In-
dian troubles again; and in the *Tampa Pen-
insular*, of Jan. 5, we find a long account
of the attack upon Lieut. Hartsuff and party
by the Indians, from which we make the fol-
lowing extract:

On Sunday, Dec. 16, Lieut. Hartsuff and
party were halted about ten miles from fort
Drum. On the morning of the 29th, were
lying in a pine grove, half a mile in extent,
and about 5 a. m. were busy getting ready to
march, harnessing, &c., when the war-whoop
sounded and they received a volley. This,
of course, was unexpected, and all was con-
fusion. Some little firing from the party
ensued, but several were out of reach of their
arms. William was sixty yards distant from
his rifle, saddling his horse; he made his es-
cape. Those who could get their pieces fired
them, and the rest loaded for the Lieutenant,
who fought bravely until he was wound-
ed, when he exclaimed, "I am done for!"
but suddenly pulling out his pistol, cried out:
"No, by heavens, the pistol has saved my
life, for the ball has struck it!" Hannah
and Baker were wounded at this time. The
survivors then separated, and it is presumed
the plunder alone prevented the savages from
pursuing them.

As soon as the news reached Fort Myers,
Col. Brown ordered companies E. and K. to
be in readiness at day break, with teams and
a six-pounder, they were ready and depart-
ed in full strength for the battle-field. A
Letter says:

"Company G. and the citizens were left
to protect Fort Myers, cannons were planted,
defenses erected, houses pierced for musketry
and every precaution adopted to prevent sur-
prise. Large fires were noticed by the Puta
Rassa force along the coast, and they have
been ordered to keep to the block house as it
is supposed these signals were to apprise the
whole nation of the recent events, and other
hostile demonstrations might reasonably be
expected.

" * * * On the arrival of Col. Brown
at the place of conflict, a scene met their view
of a description so horrible that words can-
not describe it, for the corpses of the four un-
fortunates were still above ground, although
in a revolting condition. They were scalped
and indecently mutilated. Their death's
were, of course, caused by the large quanti-
ty of balls which had perforated heads, chests,
&c., but that they were mutilated, while still
living, is evident from the signs of warfare
around them, such as the tearing up of grass
and sod, their position, the bits of clothes re-
maining in their hands. Curran was a re-
markably athletic man; he held a piece of
an Indian shirt still in his grasp. They were
all decently buried where they lay, at least
what there was of them, for the turkey buz-
zards had taken toll of mortality, and left lit-
tle but bones for the sextons and worms.—
Their mourners fired a salvo of artillery into
the adjoining thicket, but no war-whoop of
the foe was blended with the echoes that an-
swered. Their names were Horth, "G." Amer-
ican; Foster "E." Curran, and Murtaugh,
"K." Irish. I believe two rifles have been
recovered, and one mule, shot in four places,
retaken; two horses found dead, and two
missing wagons, &c., were burnt, and mules
shot in their harness. Many a heart turned
sick as they gazed on the work of demons,
and many a vow was registered whose fulfill-
ment will bring sorrow and desolation into
the cabins of our foes. Nothing was seen of
Indians on the route going or coming, though
doubtless the Indians saw them. All have
returned safe as they went, save and except
the fatigues of a journey where the water
was oft mid-deep. All the Fort Deynaud
command have returned safe to their post,
and the same at this place. Hartsuff is lo-
cated and tenderly cared for, in an apartment
of Col. Brown's; his wounds are healthy, but
the ball still remains unextracted."

PORT HURON & OWASSO R. R.—The East
Saginaw Enterprise says:

"It is now pretty well understood; although
there has been but little noise made about it
—that a company has been recently organ-
ized under the general Rail Road Law, for
the construction of a Railroad from Port Hu-
ron to connect with the Detroit & Milwaukee
Road at Owasso. This project looks like a
sensible one: and altogether more likely to
succeed than the visionary scheme of build-
ing a road to run more than half the distance
right along side of the Detroit and Milwau-
kee, and therefore in competition with it, and
over a route which would not more than fairly
support one road. The new company it is
said, will make Flint a point, and go on near-
ly or quite the same route as that of the old
project, so far as the junction. Indeed, we
suspect that our Flint neighbors are the prime
movers in the new enterprise; and it is ru-
mored that E. H. Thompson, Esq., who is
passing the present winter in Flint, is "figur-
ing" upon it."

Mr. Dallas of Penn. has accepted the
mission to England, vice Mr. Buchanan re-
signed. The *Tribune's* Washington corre-
spondent, states that Mr. Francis Mac Kee, of
the State Department, will probably be ap-
pointed Secretary of Legation to London.

DETROIT AND MILWAUKEE RAILWAY.

We are glad to learn that the work on
this road is progressing more rapidly than at
any previous time. Mr. Hall informs us that
the contractor's estimates of work performed
for December, were larger than for any pre-
vious month, and that the estimates for this
month will be larger than those of Decem-
ber. The *Dewitt Express* speaks as follows
of the progress of the work in Clinton coun-
ty:—

"The work on the Detroit and Milwau-
kee Railway is, we are glad to learn, progress-
ing rapidly. As our readers know, it is
now completed as far as the village of Lin-
den, five miles west of Fentonville. We are
told that between Linden and Maple river
there is but three miles of grading to be
done. From St. John in our county, to the
Maple is ten miles, making thirteen miles of
grading to be done between St. Johns and
Linden. There is no heavy work, we be-
lieve, upon this thirteen miles, except the cut
at St. Johns, upon which workmen are now
engaged. The prospect is that the road will
be in running order to the "city of the woods"
some time during the coming summer, so
that we may safely count on having the sur-
plus of this year's crops carried out by it.

"The completion of the road to the cen-
tre of our county will raise the value of farm-
ing lands from 60 to 100 per cent., and per-
sonal property in proportion, besides which,
we shall then have as good a market as any
place in the interior of the State. We can-
not conclude this article without bearing wit-
ness to the high estimation in which our
citizens hold the indefatigable Stewart,
through whose exertions the work has taken
its present favorable aspect. Northern Mich-
igan will ever hold him in truly grateful re-
membrance."

SPEAK ILL OF NO ONE WITHOUT A JUST

CAUSE.—There are many people in the world
who are in the habit of speaking lightly or
contemptuously of their neighbors, and some
who do not scruple to treat those who are ab-
sent with the greatest disrespect, by showing
up their faults to those who are present, with-
out ever alluding to any good qualities they
possess. There is nothing so detestable as this
habit of backbiting in society; it often
produces the greatest bitterness of feelings
between those who ought to live in peace and
good fellowship toward each other, and it
never does any good. It generally arises from
a selfish feeling, but sometimes from thought-
lessness; in either case it is injurious to so-
ciety, and ought to be condemned by every well
meaning and sensible person. Selfish per-
sons have generally such an over-appreciation
of themselves, and the situation they hold in
society, that they are apt to speak of others
with contempt, and are even happy when
they discover the least fault (however trivial
it may be) in some of their neighbors or ac-
quaintances. Instead of which it would be
well for them to examine their own conduct,
to see whether they were without fault, and
ask themselves whether they would like any
fault or foible they might be guilty of to be
made the subject of conversation amongst
their neighbors. It would be better if they
were to consider the noble destiny which all
mankind partake of in common with them-
selves, both as respects the great moral ends
of this life, and the more sublime prospects
of the future—if they would remember the
great fellowship of our common humanity—
the social end, which as parts of a great com-
munity we are all working to attain, and
which awaits us at the close of our brief exis-
tence. Let them reflect on these things, and
not offend their Creator by injuring their fel-
low creatures—rather let them judge others
with tenderness, as they would wish to be
judged, putting aside the words that cover
the surface of the characters of their neigh-
bors, to ascertain the depth and sweetness of
the clear water beneath it.

YOUNG SAM AT HIS MEALS.—Among the
statuary at the Palace, there is a group in
marble, of plaster, by Jones of London, la-
beled "Ptolemy Lagus nourished by an eagle."
The bird is represented as in the act of
shielding an infant from the cold with its
wings, while a bit of something which might
be a date or some such edible, "is being
placed in the open mouth of the little fellow
by the beak of its feathered nurse.

Yesterday, during the rain a number of
western drovers, who had finished their busi-
ness at Bull's Head, visited the Institute ex-
hibition and were soon deeply engaged in the
careful inspection of all the sights. By acci-
dent some three or four of them met around
the work of art we are speaking of, and one
of them slowly deciphered the tag for the
benefit of the party.

"It's a Yankee lie!" exclaimed one of the
Hoosiers. "Putolmene Larger. Don't I
know! I tell ye that's the American
Eagle feeding Young Sam with gravel stones
to give him grit." [N. Y. Sunday Cour.

SHIP BURNED BY HER OWNERS.—The Rus-
sian ship *Russia*, which has been for some
time at Boston to avoid the perils of the war,
was taken back of East Boston on the 10th
inst., and burnt on account of her owners,
for the purpose of saving her iron and cop-
per.

EMANCIPATION OF THE RUSSIAN SERFS.

The London correspondent of the New York
print states that the telegraph brought, on
the 30th ult., from Warsaw, the news that
the Russian Government "has ordered a
communication of the "robot," (villanage),
terminable in three years;" and remarks
as follows:—

"Should this news be confirmed and ex-
tended, not only to Poland, but all over
Russia, it would in importance surpass all the
European events since 1853, since it is no-
thing less than the abolition of serfage, cre-
ating new interests, changing and supersed-
ing old ones, and altering the basis of the so-
cial and economical condition of Russia.—
The English papers not sufficiently informed
of what *robot* means, have not yet found out
the immense reach of those few telegraphic
words.

"Should this be a general measure, a ukase
for all Russia, then the Czar may safely con-
tinue the war, and throw himself altogether
upon the People, of whom, with one stroke
of the pen, he has emancipated twenty-five
millions. The fact is fraught with such far
extending consequences that I hesitated to
believe it at once, but the first news has re-
ceived some confirmation from the following
additional telegraphic dispatch to Paris:

"WARSAW, Dec. 31.—The government
has just decreed that the right of possessing
landed property in Poland shall be accorded
to the peasants. Personal servitude will be
replaced by the payment of an annual sum.
Three years are granted for the complete ex-
ecution of the decree."

"It seems, therefore, that the emancipa-
tion extends to Poland only; still it is alto-
gether incredible that the Czar should with-
hold a boon from the loyal orthodox Musco-
vites which he accords to the Roman Catho-
lic and somewhat unaffected Pole."

NIAGARA IN WINTER.—The Buffalo *Ex-
press* publishes a communication from a cor-
respondent at Niagara Falls. The following
is an extract:

"Niagara is never so grand as in mid-win-
ter, and even for this season its present aspect
is one of unwonted grandeur. The river, no
longer moves under warm shadows and soft
smiles of summer, which disrobed it of half
its sternness, wears now a bleakness which re-
pels discursive movements, and concentrates
it with overwhelming effect upon the sublime
spectacle of the cataract itself. The spray,
drifting over the adjacent shores, has trans-
formed the commonest objects into shapes of
such fairy-like beauty as is elsewhere only con-
ceived in dreams. All things are enveloped
in gleaming ice. The islands are laid with
a pavement as pure and as solid as the most
stainless Parian. The rocks that shoot up
from the far depths of the precipice are hood-
ed and wrapped in great beds of ice, like
monks doing homage to the genius of Peace.
The trees are bowed down to the earth with
their snowy vestments like a worshipping choir
of white-robed nuns. Every where but in the
immediate channel of the swollen and sur-
ging river the ice king reigns supreme. Un-
der his magic touch nature is visibly idealized.
Stalactite groves and towers of crystal, and
forests glittering brilliant pearls, seem no
longer a figment of genius, but a living and
beaming reality. If you would witness this
dazzling scene, come, by all means, soon.—
The visit will not be regretted."

CANADA AND A WAR WITH ENGLAND.—It
is laughable to notice the manner in which
Canadian editors "go off" when touched
with the squibs which occasionally appear in
American papers. Hear the editor of the
Toronto Globe in reply to an article in the
Buffalo Express:

"Our cotemporary talks of Emigrating
Yankees taking possession of Canadian farms.
Does he think two millions of people, ac-
customed to the use of arms, and strongly im-
bued with a military spirit, are likely to suf-
fer themselves to be deprived of their prop-
erty without resistance? Does he think the
sturdy Englishman, the fiery Irishman, and
the gallant Scotsman, are like Mexicans, that
a few thousand half disciplined irregular Yan-
kees should overrun their country? The
events of the last war should teach him that
Canadians know how to defend themselves;
and that if, as he says, the Americans should
come over with wool, they would go back
shorn. And don't let him think it would be
a war of defence alone which we would wage;
don't let him think that Buffalo and her ship-
ping would be safe from attack. It would
be more easily destroyed than Toronto, we
venture to say. In a month after the decla-
ration of war, we could have a fleet of gun-
boats on the lakes—such vessels as are now
preparing for the Baltic—that would make
very short work of an American city. It
would not be on the seaboard alone that our
neighbors would be called upon to encounter
the British fleet."

It is announced in the annual state-
ment of the Aetna Insurance Company, of
Hartford, Conn., that the Company has now
an actual surplus of \$398,313 90 above their
capital stock and liabilities. The Aetna is
one of the old fashioned, reliable, prompt
paying companies.

MORE LEAP-YEAR DEVELOPMENTS.

The Lowell, Massachusetts, *News* says that the
Leap-Year Ball of the carpet factory girls
came off according to announcement on Thurs-
day evening, and was a very pleasant affair.
"The Ladies" it says, "to the number of
about twenty-five, healthy, robust, cheery and
lovely, took their carriages, called for their
beaux, were driven to the hall, where ladies
managed, selected their own partners, order-
ed the supper and gloriously paid all the
bills!" The partners selected spoke well for
the judgment of the girls. The paper says:

"We were amused, however, on observing
bright-eyed lasses, with roguish eyes, trip up
to demure young men and solicit the honor
of their hand for the 'next cotillon.' Who
could refuse? One enraptured soul engaged
himself to eight different ladies for 'Money
Musk,' and others for 'Hull's Victory!' Many
a poor heart hid away in a vest was irretriev-
ably ruined. But it could not be helped."

The company broke up about 2 o'clock,
when the ladies escorted their beaux, and
then went off to their own homes.

The Know-Nothing State Council
of Virginia has nominated the Hon. John M.
Botts for the Presidency. The Richmond
Whig denounces it as a misrepresentation of
the sentiments of the Know-Nothing party
in that State.

BIRTH-DAY OF DANIEL WEBSTER.

The birth-day of this great statesman was cele-
brated both in Boston and New York, by a stat-
ed circle of his admirers, with unusual feel-
ing. In Boston, Mr. Everett presided, and
delivered a most eloquent eulogy of Mr. Web-
ster, overflowing with sentiments of admira-
tion, and deeply affecting in its allusion to
the personal traits and excellencies of this re-
markable man.

A FRIGHTFUL ADMISSION.—We take the
following from the New Orleans Delta:—
Within the last eight weeks there have been
more assassinations in the public thorough-
fares of the Republican City of New Orleans
than, we will venture to assert, have oc-
curred in the whole despotic empire of bru-
talized Austria, a nation of forty millions of
people, in the last two years; or, indeed, in any
other despotic Government of Europe, with-
in the same time; or in any other equal pe-
riod—except a revolutionary era—since time
when it was the custom to employ professional
assassins in Italy to avenge private wrongs,
or gratify individual vengeance.

GREAT NAVAL PREPARATIONS.—England
is making the most gigantic preparations for
the campaign, especially by sea. Twenty
ships of the line and eighteen frigates, of
magnificent proportions and heavy armament
with which these formidable vessels are now
fitted, are followed by a line of floating bat-
teries, heavy mortar-ships, and gun-boats of
similar dimensions, amounting in all to 243.

This, with what she already has, is said to
be the largest naval armament that ever float-
ed at one time.

OIL USED ON RAILROADS.—Few persons
though they actually see the aggregate fig-
ures, appreciate the real cost of running rail-
roads. The Albany *Journal* states that the
New York Central Railroad consumed in
their regular business last year, eighty-eight
thousand gallons of oil. This is quite an
item of expense, though among the smallest
in the list.

It is stated that the Mexican Gov-
ernment has made a formal demand on that
of the United States for indemnity for the
destruction of the town of Piedras Negras,
by Texan Rangers, last autumn, and asks pro-
tection from similar invasions in future.

CAUSE OF THE COLD SNAP.—An old gen-
tleman, in one of the stage sleighs, the other
morning, audibly wondered what caused the
uncommon severity of the weather. "Why,"
grumbled a muffled personage near him,
"When Dr. Kane left the north pole he for-
got to shut the back door after him."

A telegraphic despatch, published in the
Chicago Tribune, giving the news from Gal-
veston, says:

"The thermometer had fallen to one de-
gree below zero, killing a number of cattle."

It is pleasant to open your wife's jewel
box and discover a strange gentleman's hair
done up as a keepsake. Vel, vot of it! ain't
it her cousin's? Humph!

Why cannot a bald headed man ever be a
father? Answer (the reader will be kind
enough to hold his breath for a moment),
because there is no possibility of his having
any "heirs apparent."

Dewitt C. Horton, for the murder of John
A. Wiley, was sentenced by Judge Pratt, last
Saturday, at Marshall, to the State Prison
during the term of his natural life.

GOVERNORS.—Of the Governors of the
States, eighteen are democrats, eight know-
nothings, and five "republicans."

Jenny Lind receives £500 (at least they
say so) for each of the series of concerts she
is now giving in London.